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                                    OF DIFFERENT DUCTILITY  
  
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CONFIRMATION OF PASSAGE TO ISSUE

This confirms a telephone conference held today between  
Examiner Wyszomierski and the below-identified attorney.

It was agreed that, with minor changes to claims 1 and 5,  
the case is now in condition for passage to issue.

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